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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	CRIMINAL NO. 3:16CR 070
v.	18 U.S.C. § 371 Conspiracy (Count 1)
TALONTE DEVON RIDLEY, (Counts 1, 4-6),	
ELIYAHU NIREL HICKSON, (Counts 1-3),	18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) Robbery Affecting Commerce (Counts 2 and 4)
and,	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1) Using, Carrying, and Possessing a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence (Counts 3 and 5)
JOHN DOE 1, Defendants.	
	18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2) Felon in Possession of ammunition (Count 6)

SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

JUNE 2016 Term - at Richmond, Virginia

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT 1
(Conspiracy)

1. From March 29, 2016 through April 19, 2016, in the Eastern District of

Virginia and elsewhere, defendants TALONTE DEVON RIDLEY, ELIYAHU NIREL HICKSON, and JOHN DOE 1, an unidentified black male, did knowingly conspire, confederate and agree with each other and persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to obtain for themselves money and other property from businesses engaged in receiving and selling goods in interstate commerce, in industries affecting interstate commerce by, means of threats of force and injury, and fear, brandishing a firearm, and robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 1951.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to the effect the object thereof, the following overt acts were committed within the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere:

March 30, 2016 Larceny Attempt

2. On March 30, 2016, defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON entered the Walgreens store located at 3715 Mechanicsville Turnpike in Henrico, Virginia, ostensibly to return a bag of fruit candy worth $.99.

3. When store employee "A.S.W." opened the cash register to give them their money for the return, defendant HICKSON unsuccessfully attempted to grab the money from the open cash register, being stopped in the larceny attempt by store

employee "A.S.W." who jumped over the counter towards HICKSON and pushed HICKSON's hands away from the register.

4. Defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON then fled the store and ran down the side sidewalk.

April 11, 2016 armed robbery at 7-Eleven, 389 E. Williamsburg Road

5. On April 11, 2016, defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON entered the 7-Eleven store located at 389 E. Williamsburg Road in Henrico, Virginia.

6. The defendants approached the counter and asked for a pack of cigarettes.

7. When the employee, "T.S.", turned around defendant HICKSON brandished a black revolver firearm, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, and demanded money from the register.

8. Employee "T.S." placed the till on the counter, which RIDLEY took off the counter, taking approximately $200.00 in U.S. currency.

9. Defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON then fled the store on foot.

April 16, 2016 armed robbery at Walgreens, 3715 Mechanicsville Turnpike

10. On April 16, 2016, defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON, and JOHN DOE 1, an unidentified black male, entered the Walgreens located at 3715 Mechanicsville Turnpike in Henrico, Virginia.

11. They walked through the store before the three approached the counter to

purchase items.

12. Defendant RIDLEY then brandished a black revolver, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, and demanded money from the register.

13. Store employee "A.S.W." reached for a phone to call the police, prompting the three to run from the store without taking anything.

April 16, 2016 armed robbery at 7-Eleven, 4611 Williamsburg Road

14. Later on April 16, 2016, defendant RIDLEY and JOHN DOE 1, an unidentified black male, entered the 7 -Eleven located at 4611 Williamsburg Road in Henrico, Virginia.

15. Defendant RIDLEY and another unidentified black male then approached the counter and asked the clerk, "A.R.", for a black and mild cigar.

16. JOHN DOE 1, an unidentified black male, then removed from his pocket and brandished a black revolver, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, and demanded money from the register.

17. Store employee "A.R." then opened the register.

18. Defendant RIDLEY then reached over the counter and grabbed $20.00 in U.S currency from the till.

19. Defendant RIDLEY and JOHN DOE 1, an unidentified black male, then fled the store on foot.

April 18, 2016 armed robbery at Slip In Convenience Store, 25815 Cox Road

20. On April 18, 2016, defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON entered the Slip In Convenience Store located at 25815 Cox Road in Dinwiddie, Virginia.

21. Defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON approached the counter and asked for a carton of Newport cigarettes.

22. When the store clerk, "J.M.T." turned back around, defendant RIDLEY brandished a black revolver, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, and demanded money from the register.

23. The store clerk, "J.M.T." responded that she couldn't open the register.

24. Defendants RIDLEY and HICKSON then took a carton of Newport cigarettes off the counter and fled the store on foot.

(All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371)

COUNT 2
(Robbery Affecting Commerce)

25. At all times material to this indictment, the 7-Eleven store located at 389 E. Williamsburg Road, Henrico, Virginia, was a business engaged in receiving and selling goods in interstate commerce, in an industry that affects interstate commerce.

26. On or about April 11, 2016, at the 7-Eleven store located at 389 E. Williamsburg Road,, Henrico, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia, and

within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant HICKSON did knowingly and unlawfully obstruct, delay and affect, and attempt to obstruct, delay and affect, commerce as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(3), and the movement of articles in commodities in such commerce, by knowingly and willfully committing and attempting to commit robbery, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(1), in that the defendant did unlawfully take and obtain property consisting of approximately $200.00 in United States currency, from the person of, and in the presence of, store employee "T.S."," against "T.S.'s" will by means of actual and threatened force, violence and fear of injury, immediate and future, to "T.S.'s" person, that is, the defendant possessed, used, carried, displayed, and brandished a firearm, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, at said store employee "T.S.," and demanded money from the cash register belonging to the business.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, and 1951(a)).

COUNT 3
(Using, Carrying, Possessing, and Brandishing a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

27. At all times material to this indictment, the 7-Eleven store located at 389 E. Williamsburg Road, Henrico, Virginia, was a business engaged in receiving and selling goods in interstate commerce, in an industry that affects interstate commerce.

28. On or about April 11, 2016, at the 7-Eleven store located at 389 E. Williamsburg Road, Henrico, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant HICKSON did knowingly possess, use, carry, and brandish a firearm, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, during and in relation to and in furtherance of the commission of a crime of violence for which she may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Interference with Commerce by Robbery, as charged in Count 2 above.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)).

COUNT 4
(Robbery Affecting Commerce)

29. At all times material to this indictment, the Slip In Convenience Store located at 25815 Cox Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia, was a business engaged in receiving and selling goods in interstate commerce, in an industry that affects interstate commerce.

30. On or about April 18, 2016, at the Slip In Convenience Store located at 25815 Cox Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant RIDLEY did knowingly and unlawfully obstruct, delay and affect, and attempt to obstruct, delay and affect, commerce as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(3), and the movement of articles in commodities in such commerce, by

knowingly and willfully committing and attempting to commit robbery, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(b)(1), in that the defendant did unlawfully take and obtain property consisting of a carton of Newport cigarettes, from the person of, and in the presence of, store employee "J.M.T.," against "J.M.T.'s" will by means of actual and threatened force, violence and fear of injury, immediate and future, to "J.M.T.'s" person, that is, the defendant possessed, used, carried, displayed, and brandished a firearm, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, at said store employee "J.M.T.," and demanded money from the cash register belonging to the business.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a)).

COUNT 5
(Using, Carrying, Possessing, and Brandishing a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence)

31. At all times material to this indictment, the Slip In Convenience Store located at 25815 Cox Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia, was a business engaged in receiving and selling goods in interstate commerce, in an industry that affects interstate commerce.

32. On or about April 18, 2016, at the Slip In Convenience Store located at 25815 Cox Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant RIDLEY, did knowingly possess,

use, carry, and brandish a firearm, an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, during and in relation to and in furtherance of the commission of a crime of violence for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, to wit: Interference with Commerce by Robbery, as charged in Count 4 above.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)).

COUNT 6
(Felon in Possession of Ammunition)

33. On or about April 19, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia, in the Eastern District of Virginia, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, defendant TALONTE DEVON RIDLEY, having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, did knowingly and unlawfully possess in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce a firearm and ammunition, to wit: an RG, Model 23, .22 caliber revolver, loaded with 3 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition, all of which had previously been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

(In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1)).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

Pursuant to Rule 32.2 F.R.Crim.P., the defendants are hereby notified that upon conviction of any of the offenses alleged in this Indictment, the defendants shall forfeit to the United States all property constituting or derived from proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the violations and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense(s).

(In accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.)

A TRUE BILL

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